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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/718,304	Applicant(s) YOO ET AL.	
	Examiner Suk Jin Kang	Art Unit 2619	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 6-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. **Claim 5** is objected to because of the following informalities: on lines 1-2 of claim 5, replace "A computer program device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine" with --A computer readable medium tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1 and 2** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Miyashita et al.** (U.S. Patent # 6,304,611 B1).

Consider **claim 1**, Miyashita et al. discloses an uplink communication method in an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing access system, comprising: generating upper and lower edge sidelobe canceling signals (2, Symbol Edge Signal Generator, figure 9) in a transmitting terminal for an uplink (column 5 lines 28-35, column 7 lines 44-57); and inserting the upper and the lower edge sidelobe canceling signals into guard intervals (82, Guard Interval Adder, figure 9), respectively, adjacent to a subband allocated to a user (column 5 lines 36-47, column 7 lines 28-57, column 9 lines 33-39)

and performing inverse fast Fourier transform (81, IFFT Unit, figure 9) on user transmission signals and the upper and the lower edge sidelobe canceling signals to be inserted into the guard intervals (column 2 lines 39-58, column 7 lines 12-26).

Consider **claim 2**, and as applied to claim 1, Miyashita et al. discloses the uplink communication method wherein the upper and the lower edge sidelobe canceling signals are transmitted over subcarriers, respectively, nearest to the subband among subcarriers included in the respective guard intervals (column 5 lines 36-47, column 9 lines 33-39).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claim 3** is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. **Claims 4 and 6-10** are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed October 26, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Consider claim 1, Applicant argues, on page 12 of the Remarks, that "The pulses P_E and P_S by the symbol edge generator 2 of Miyashita do not correspond to the upper and lower edge sidelobe canceling signals recited in the claims, and Miyashita nowhere

provides any teaching or reasonable suggestion to modify the P_E or P_S pulses to arrive at canceling signals in accordance with the present invention.”

The Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant's argument because as recited in the above rejection, Miyashita suggests side lobes in each carrier can be sufficiently suppressed over the duration of the guard intervals by supplying pulses P_E and P_S (column 9 lines 33-39). The P_E and P_S pulses are later modified in the Amplitude Controller 1 in Figure 9 (column 7 lines 27-43). Thus sidelobe canceling signals inserted into guard intervals is suggested by Miyashita.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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